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Today's Weather

There will be medium and high clouds with moderate southeasterly to northerly winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	16	25
Aqaba	20	29
Deserts	13	26
Jordan Valley	21	29

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 24, Aqaba 29, Sunset tonight: 4:40 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 5:59 a.m.

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Militias clash in Beirut 5 die as Israeli planes raid southern Lebanon

BEIRUT, Nov. 7 (AP) — Israeli warplanes blasted Palestinian commando strongholds in southern Lebanon today, a day after commandos fired Soviet-made Katyusha rockets into northern Israel. Provincial authorities reported five were killed and dozens wounded.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation said Israeli jets took part in the 45-minute bombing on eight Palestinian targets, including intensive anti-aircraft defences. The PLO communique said no hits.

Among the major targets was a crusader-built Beaufort Castle at six kilometres from the all border that has long been

the major commando rocket-launching base in southern Lebanon.

The PLO communique forecast more Israeli strikes in the south and said commando losses in today's two bombing sorties were "minor."

The governor's office in Sidon, the provincial capital of southern Lebanon, said most of the casualties were Lebanese.

Israel said all its planes returned safely to base after the air raids.

The raids apparently were in retaliation for yesterday evening's rocket attack against the Israeli

border town of Kiryat Shmona. Local press reports today said Israeli border gunners opened artillery fire on Amoun, in southern Lebanon, immediately after the rockets hit Kiryat Shmona.

A United Nations spokesman in southern Lebanon said U.S.-made Phantom and Skyhawk fighter-bombers were used in the raid, along with Israeli-made Kfir fighters.

The Israeli military command said that targets hit were bases belonging to the Arab Liberation Front at Barliya and Beit Dujin on the Litani River, and a base of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine north of the Litani.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa said the city of Tyre on the Mediterranean coast was also hit. The sound of explosions from the bombing attacks could be heard in Sidon, 35 kilometres north of Tyre, authorities said.

It was the first bombing raid launched against Palestinian targets since Israeli planes struck near Beirut on Oct. 22.

Meanwhile, in Beirut itself fresh fighting erupted today in the western sector after heavy overnight clashes between rival leftist paramilitary groups in which at least six people died, security sources said.

Intermittent rocket and machine gun fire echoed across the city at dusk after a day of tension on the Muslim west side of the capital, where most streets were deserted and many shops closed.



An Iraqi soldier comforts a crying infant in the captured Iranian city of Fhorramshahr. The child's sister, holding the baby, said she remained in the city throughout the long siege of the strategic port. (AP wirephoto)

King meets Tariq Aziz

AMMAN, Nov. 7 (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein today granted an audience to Mr. Tariq Aziz, Iraqi deputy prime minister and a member of his country's Revolutionary Command Council.

The two discussed the current Arab situation and recent developments in the region. Prime Minister Mudar Badran and Foreign Minister Mawad Al-Qasbi were among those present for the discussion, Mr. Aziz told the Amman Press.

In war news today, Iraqi forces killed 60 Iranian soldiers and wounded an unspecified number in fighting last night and early today, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It quoted a high command communique as saying the Iraqis also seized large quantities of light and medium weapons, as well as destroying two guns, a tank and two armoured personnel carriers.

The Iraqis lost 21 dead and two armoured vehicles, the communique said.

Meanwhile, the Turkish news agency, which has denied a press agency report published in the London Times on 2, claiming that the United States recently sent a large quantity of aid material, possible including weapons and ammunition, to Iran through Turkey.

In a statement to the Jordan Times, the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Mehmet Arslan, said: "Turkey has been following with sorrow and concern the clashes between her friends and neighbours, Iran and Iraq. Turkey has adopted as a policy principle to remain completely neutral and to refrain from any acts or attitudes that might lead to the prolongation and aggravation of the conflict. She hopes to see ended as quickly as possible."

Blames Tehran's 'arrogance' Iran threatens all of us, King says in interview

AMMAN, Nov. 7 (Petra/JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein has declared that Jordan's stand in supporting fraternal Iraq is in complete harmony with the principles and doctrines which the Arab people have fought for since the beginning of this century.

In an interview with the London-based Arabic language magazine *Al-Hiwadith*, published today, His Majesty said Jordan believes the danger which threatens part of the Arab homeland threatens all of it.

His Majesty added: "History is clear as far as Arab rights, including Iraq's rights, are concerned, whether as regards the territory or the Shatt-Al-Arab waterway. The same applies to the challenge which we have been facing as an Arab Nation as a result of Iran's actions for a very long period."

The present conflict was caused by Iranian arrogance and an inclination towards domination and failure to observe the principles of Islamic brotherhood and good neighbourliness the King said.

His Majesty said Iraq's victory will be a victory for Arabs everywhere, and also a victory over despair and a victory against the inability to cope with the challenges and dangers facing the Arab Nation.

Recalling Iraq's pan-Arab stance, His Majesty said: "How can we forget that Iraq has always stood at our side? Can we forget the Iraqi Martyrs' Graveyard in Jenin? Can we forget that Iraq has always stood on the side of its brothers without hesitation under every circumstance? We are indebted to Iraq."

His Majesty affirmed that Jordan's position on the longest line of confrontation with Israel makes Jordan more sensitive and more understanding of the significance of cooperation and unity to face



the challenges posed to us and to the Iraqis on the eastern gate of the Arab Homeland.

His Majesty said Jordan has completed its preparations to host the 11th Arab summit conference which we hope that it will be held on its fixed date, because the circumstances which the area is passing through dictate the convening of the summit, even if it was not scheduled and even if there were no events dictating a meeting on such a level. The convening of the conference is dictated by the phase which the Arab Homeland is passing through, he said.

U.S. near hostage reply

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (R) — The United States is about to decide how to respond to Iran's conditions for the release of the American hostages, the State Department said today.

"We're at the point of decision-making for giving the release of all 52 hostages," department spokesman John Tranter said.

Iran's four conditions were formally conveyed to the United States last Monday.

They sought a U.S. pledge not to interfere in Iran's affairs, the release of an estimated \$8 billion in Iranian assets frozen by the Carter administration after the hostages were seized on Nov. 4, 1979, the abandonment of financial claims against Iran, and the return of the late Shah's wealth.

U.S. officials said earlier this week that all but the first con-

dition presented legal and political problems for the United States.

The spokesman said there had been no direct dialogue between the United States and Iran over the terms for the release of the hostages.

But indirect contacts between the two governments have been conducted through Algeria, whose ambassador in Washington, Mr. Redha Malek, had meetings at the State Department with Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher every day this week.

Aides of President-elect Ronald Reagan were being kept informed of the situation, he added.

Mr. Reagan told Iran yesterday not to expect any advantage in waiting for him to take office on Jan. 20 before resolving the hostage issue.

Reagan hopes for meeting with King

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 7 (R) — President-elect Ronald Reagan's transition team today pushed ahead with picking his cabinet and preparing a budget for Congress almost immediately when he takes office on Jan. 20.

Reagan campaign chief of staff Edwin Meese, one of the leaders of the transition team, told reporters the first budget proposals were being put together for submission to Congress.

Mr. Reagan also has said he would like an early meeting with His Majesty King Hussein to discuss problems in the Middle East.

Mr. Reagan yesterday told his first press conference since his landslide victory over President Carter that he would act as soon as possible on a 10 per cent income tax cut he promised for next year to stimulate investment.

He also said he would go ahead with a freeze on federal government hiring.

His advisers worked on the proposals, the government released figures which served as a reminder of the economic problems facing Mr. Reagan.

The Labour Department said wholesale prices rose last month by 0.5 per cent after declining in September, and the jobless rate for October edged up to 7.6 per cent.

Mr. Reagan yesterday invited the current Congress to go ahead and pass its own \$39 billion tax cut during the final session scheduled to start next week, rather than wait for the new Congress to convene next year.

But President Carter's White House chief of staff, Mr. Jack Watson, made clear in a television interview that the outgoing administration would not support passage of the tax bill, which some economists have attacked as inflationary, in the forthcoming session.

Mr. Reagan announced yesterday that his campaign manager, Mr. William Casey, and Mrs. Anne Armstrong, former U.S. ambassador to Britain, would head the overall transition team to lay plans for his presidency.

In addition to former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, former NATO European commander Gen. Alexander Haig, Texas Senator John Tower and other prominent Republicans, he named three prominent Democrats to the leadership of his "interim foreign policy board."

They were Senator Henry Jackson of Washington state, a hardliner on U.S.-Soviet relations, former Florida Senator Richard Stone, a pro-Israeli politician, and millionaire Washington lawyer Edward Bennett Williams, a liberal adviser to many Democratic presidents.

Germany and Great Britain. Under the Carter presidency, German-American relations were sometimes uncertain, due in part to a personality clash between Mr. Carter and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. There was also repeated German criticism of what German leaders called a lack of consistency in American foreign and defence policy under Mr. Carter.

Here are highlights of Mr. Reagan's views on other foreign policy issues:

IRAN — Mr. Reagan said it is a

"humiliation and a disgrace" that Mr. Carter has been unable to win the release of the 52 American hostages after one year. He declined, however, to say specifically what he would have done differently, although early in the campaign he suggested a naval blockade as a means of placing additional economic pressure on Iran. He has pledged to abide by the terms of any agreement President Carter reaches to secure the release of the hostages.

CHINA — Initially, Mr. Reagan



Ronald Reagan and his vice-presidential running mate George Bush at a press conference Thursday. (AP wirephoto)

Reagan's triumph a 'cold shower' for Tehran, Iraqis say

BEIRUT, Nov. 7 (AP) — The newspaper of the ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party in Iraq today said that Mr. Ronald Reagan's victory in the American elections was "a cold shower on Tehran's enthusiasm to conclude a reconciliation with Washington to resolve the U.S. hostage crisis."

Excerpts of the editorial in *Al-Thawra* were carried by the official Iraqi News Agency.

"Reagan's election suspended the hostage issue once again for several weeks or even months — that is to say, until the new president shifts to take power in the White House on Jan. 20," *Al-Thawra* said.

It added the American elections have suspended the hostage issue once again and the remaining 10 weeks of Mr. Jimmy Carter's presidency will not give him, at least from the point of view of decency, the authority to conclude the hostage crisis and sign a reconciliation with Iran.

The newspaper said: "Carter did succeed in pulling the legs of the rulers in Qom and Tehran by detaining his own terms for the immediate release of all hostages at once and to treat Tehran's conditions according to U.S. laws."

Al-Thawra said it believed the developments of the hostage crisis were nothing but a game to busy the Iranian people.

"The time has come (for Tehran) to announce the U.S.A. as a friend, ally and protector of Iran from its current crisis, created by (Ayatollah Ruhollah) Khomeini and his clique," the newspaper said.

Al-Thawra predicted Mr. Reagan would be tougher than President Carter on the hostage issue.

"Reagan seems to be planning to humiliate Tehran's rulers even more than Carter until the last chapter of the hostage play is written by Washington, and not Tehran," it said.

Jordan hopes that the defeat of President Carter will mean a new look by Washington at the Middle East question and the scrapping of the Camp David peace accords between Israel and Egypt. Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh was quoted yesterday as saying:

"We consider the election result as a collapse of one of the pillars of Camp David, President Carter, with whom also fell a number of those who drafted the accords."

He was also reported as hoping that Mr. Reagan would show balanced feelings of justice and reappraise the Palestinian issue.

Mr. Reagan's criticism of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) showed it was time to step up Arab action against U.S. policy in the Middle East, a PLO spokesman said today.

Mr. Majed Abu Sharar, head of unified information at the PLO, told Reuters that Mr. Reagan's comments branding the PLO as a terrorist organisation "reflects the reality of American policy which rejects recognition of Palestinian rights under the leadership of the PLO."

The president-elect's comments shattered any illusions in the Arab World that Mr. Reagan would change U.S. policy in the Middle East, he said.

"I think the time is now ripe to step up the struggle against U.S. policy and throw all illusions about the likelihood of a change in U.S. policy towards the Arabs to the wind," Abu Sharar said.

The state-controlled Libyan news agency said Mr. Reagan "will have to live up to the expectations of the American people to avoid the destiny of his predecessor."

In its comment on the Reagan victory, the agency said:

"The American people's choice of a new president is not merely a question of choice as much as it is an indication of the American people's desire that this president reassess previous American policies and resort to building bridges of true friendship and cooperation with nations free of tyranny and terrorism."

"All we need to do now is to remind the new American leader of the Arab stand which is shared by all Arab nations."

The world according to Reagan: No to SALT II, yes to Israel

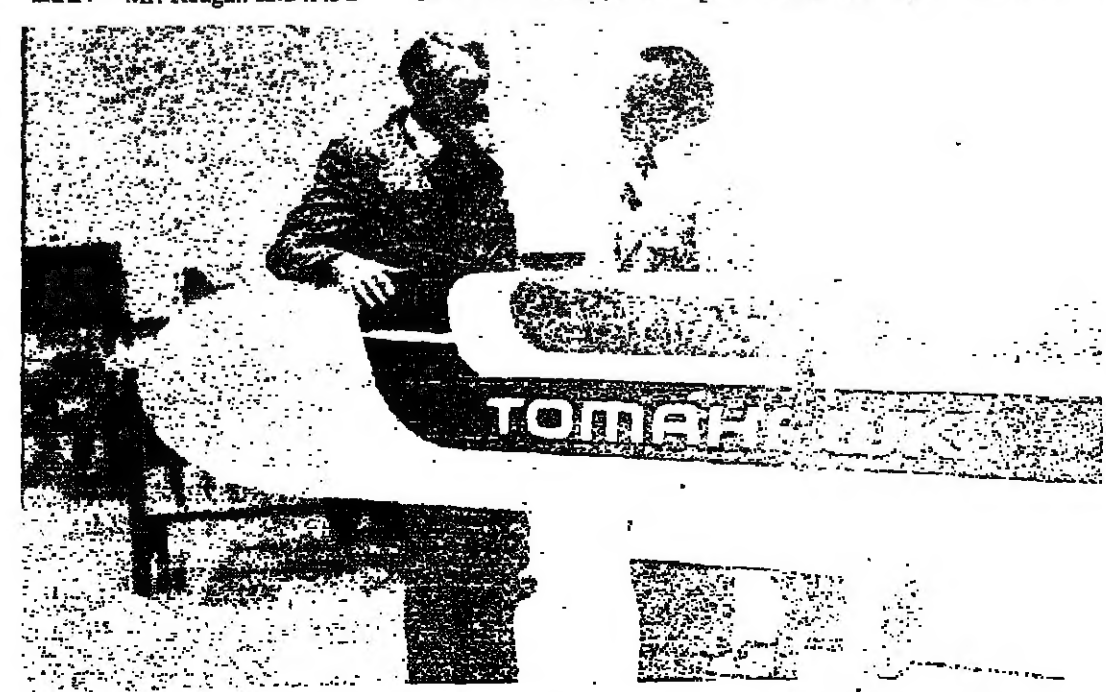
WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (AP) — The election of Mr. Ronald Reagan as U.S. president appears to signal the demise of the SALT II arms limitation agreement, which President Jimmy Carter had considered one of his major foreign policy achievements.

In theory, the administration seeks ratification by a lame Senate. But officials have acknowledged that this option has been politically unrealistic if Mr. Carter had been elected. In any case, Mr. Carter after his defeat that he would not offer the promise of genuine arms control.

Mr. Reagan campaigned vigorously against SALT II, calling it "flawed" because, he said, it did not offer the promise of genuine arms control.

Mr. Reagan said: "It is not strategic arms control. It is strategic arms buildup, with Soviet adding 3,000 nuclear warheads to their inventory. I recommended that U.S. and Soviet negotiators return to the negotiating table and 'come up with a treaty which fairly and evenly reduces the number of weapons.'"

Mr. Reagan's criticism focused on other areas of the administration's handling of Soviet relations. At one point he accused the administration of "practicing appeasement — a belief that if we can contain (the Russians) we are people, they will smile at us."



One of Ronald Reagan's complaints against Jimmy Carter is that he has delayed deployment of the Cruise missile, shown here in a San Diego, California production plant. (Gamma photo)

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: For decades, the issue of Arab rights has remained on the waiting list of each successive U.S. administration, on the pretext that these administrations needed time for fact-finding while Israel continued its aggressive practices. Needless to say, the reason for this neglect is the absence of a unified Arab strategy. This should not still be the case when President-elect Reagan assumes office.

The Arabs should take the initiative with regard to their cause, and participate positively in the shaping of events. They should not just wait for others to act. The Arabs should not accept further delay of progress on their cause.

Undoubtedly, the upcoming Arab summit in Amman will be the strongest proof that the Arabs insist on acting on the matter in line with a unified Arab strategy, which is now being prepared for approval by the Arab leaders at the Amman summit.

The Amman summit will lay the basis for Arab action based on a unified strategy, and will open the path upon which the Arabs will proceed, without waiting for others to act on their behalf.

President-elect Reagan having expressed in his first statement his appreciation of the significance of Jordan's role, we are duty-bound to recall that this role is completely in harmony with the Arab line charted at the Baghdad summit and reaffirmed at the Tunis summit, and which will be reaffirmed at the Amman summit. Jordan's role is a role of commitment to Arab national goals. The new U.S. administration will do well if it understands all this and realises that the Camp David process is dead, and that the Arabs will stand united for the sake of a just peace.

AL DUSTOUR: The landslide victory of Mr. Reagan and the Republicans is supposed to be a golden opportunity for the new U.S. administration to view Middle East problems and relations with the Arab World from a new perspective, completely free of the traditional pressures Israel has exerted on the White House.

Mr. Reagan comes to power with an overwhelming popular mandate, in the building of which the American Jews played only a minor role. Therefore, he is not beholden to Zionism, and does not have to repay a debt to it at the expense of American interests. This perhaps explains the Israeli officials' concern over Mr. Reagan's victory, including Prime Minister Begin's insistence on meeting with the president-elect during his visit to the United States. Mr. Begin hopes to wrest from Mr. Reagan pro-Israeli statements to commit him and to restrict his freedom of action once he enters the White House.

Mr. Reagan will be dealing with a Congress in which the majority is Republican. Therefore, his voice will be heard there, particularly seeing that several pro-Zionist senators were defeated in the elections. Consequently, the new president will be free of the Zionist pressure and restrictions imposed on the actions of his predecessors, which gives Mr. Reagan a golden opportunity to deal with the Arab World from an independent position, taking into consideration the interests of the United States alone; and consequently, to strengthen relations with the Arab World and build them on the basis of respect for Arab and Palestinian legitimate rights.

Will Mr. Reagan adopt this policy? Will he take advantage of his landslide victory and rectify the former mistakes of U.S. policy in the Middle East? This is what we hope. Nevertheless, because we have been so greatly disappointed in the past, we must simply wait and see.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The Jordan National Gallery presents an exhibition of ceramics by Mahmoud Taha, on view until Nov. 10.

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of "Lithographies du Ballet d'Amiens", ending tomorrow.

Poppy Appeal

The Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal is open until tomorrow. Poppies are available from the British Embassy and the British Council, or at the Anglican Church of the Redeemer tomorrow. The Remembrance Day service will be held at the church tomorrow at noon.

Lecture

The American Centre of Oriental Research (ACOR) presents Albright Fellow Oystein Sakala LaBianca, lecturing on "Separating the Sheep from the Goats: An Introduction to the Analysis of Animal Remains from Ancient Sites". At 7 p.m. in the library of ACOR, Sixth Circle, Jabal Amman.

Church Services

The Church of the Redeemer (C. of E./Anglican/Episcopal) performs services according to the following schedule:

Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
 12 noon Morning Service
 Friday: 9:30 a.m. Morning Service
 First Circle, Jabal Amman, near the Ahliyah (CMS) School (beyond China Restaurant).

GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND???

LET THE JORDAN TIMES HEAR ABOUT IT

Mother Teresa visits Jordan

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Nov. 7 — Mother Teresa, the 70-year-old founder of the Missionaries of Charity and recipient of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, visited Jordan for two days this week.

While here, Mother Teresa was received by His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor at Al Nadwa Palace. During the meeting, the King praised her efforts and dedication in the service of mankind. He also awarded her the Jordan Independence Award, first degree, in appreciation of her humanitarian efforts.

Mother Teresa was in Amman to visit the Dar Al Salam home for the care of the poor and retarded in Shmeisani, established by the Missionaries of Charity in 1970. It is one of 182 such homes run by the order around the world.

On Wednesday night, Mother Teresa addressed the World Affairs Council in Amman.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Mother Teresa said that her aim and mission in life was to express God's love and compassion to the poor and underprivileged.

"No one is doomed," she said. "We doom others or label them as doomed people, not God. With our love and care, these people will improve. The first rule of our society is to work for people regardless of colour, caste or creed. We work for the poorest of the poor, people who have nothing, have no-one and are wanted by no-one."

Mother Teresa said ordinary people can contribute towards the aim of the society "by sharing." She added: "Love begins at home. The family must stay together and pray together, and if they love one another, they will be able to give that love to others, to share it with others. Therefore, ordinary people can contribute by loving, by sharing, not from abundance, but 'until it hurts'."

Asked about the Missionaries of Charity's work in the Arab World, Mother Teresa said that besides the home in Amman established in 1970, there were homes in the occupied Gaza Strip, in Beirut and in three places in Yemen (Sana'a, Taiz and Hodeidah). A home would soon be opened in Egypt. The rest of the 182 homes worldwide are found in North and South America, Asia and Africa. There are 1,800 sisters and 400 brothers from 35 nationalities working in Mother Teresa's order.

Mother Teresa said these projects are financed by individual contributions. "We do not depend on fixed donations, we depend on Divine Providence. We give freely what we freely receive," she said.

Asked if her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize had created

Rabbi Kahane starts hunger strike in jail

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (R) — Imprisoned militant nationalist Rabbi Meir Kahane yesterday started a hunger strike to push for a revision of his sentence for disturbing the peace in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan.

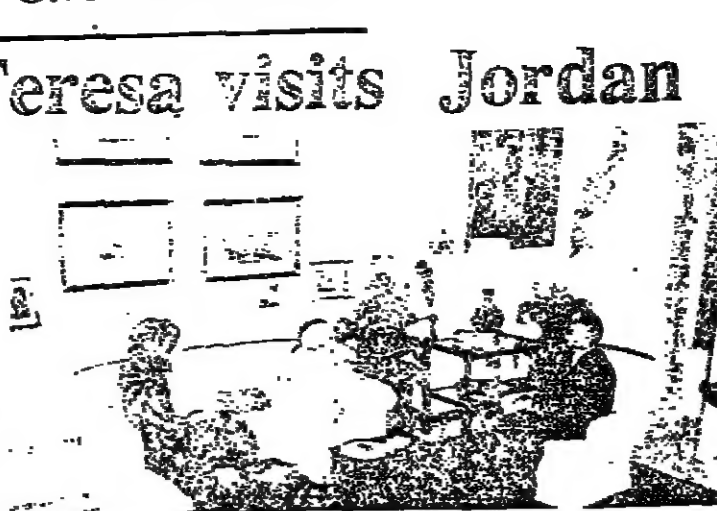
Rabbi Kahane's lawyer, Rahamin Cohen, told reporters his client was protesting against the Israeli military occupation authorities' refusal to revise his nine-month sentence.

The rabbi, who leads a small group of extremists favouring the emigration of Arabs from the West Bank, has already served two months.

"The authorities refuse to meet with us to discuss a reduced sentence despite Rabbi Kahane's good behaviour in jail," Mr. Cohen told reporters.

A military spokesman said the rabbi's appeal was under consideration.

"Give until it hurts"



His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor meet Thursday with the founder of the Missionaries of Charity and the winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa.

worldwide awareness of her work, and therefore increased contributions, she said: "I accepted the Nobel Prize in the name of the poor. The money is not for me. Contribution did not increase, but concern and awareness of the poor increased throughout the world, and this is wonderful."

Mother Teresa said it was "difficult to get workers to do this kind of work for money, but we do not depend on paid workers, but on voluntary workers."

In conclusion, she told us: "Give your hands to serve the poor and your hearts to love them. Come to the 'Home of Peace' and see the poor and the loved ones."



Mother Teresa speaking with Jordan Times reporter Serene Srouji.

Jordan preparing for Arab ministers' meets

AMMAN, Nov. 7 (Petra/JNA) — The committee formed by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem under the Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Amer Shammout, continues to make preparations for the meeting of the seven-member Arab foreign ministers' committee which will be held in Amman on Nov. 18, as well as for the Arab foreign ministers' conference which will be held in Amman on Nov. 20 to prepare for the 11th Arab summit in Amman.

Mr. Shammout briefed Arab ambassadors in Amman, during a meeting with them yesterday, on the latest preparations and arrangements made by the Foreign Ministry for these meetings. The meeting was attended by the Director of the Political Department at the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Tayseer Tuqan, and the Director of the Department of International Organisation, Mr. Walid Tash.

A meeting was held at the Foreign Ministry last Tuesday, attended by representatives of concerned ministries and departments, at which were discussed arrangements for the meetings of the seven-member committee and the Arab foreign ministers.

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King receives UAE envoy

AMMAN, Nov. 7 (Petra/JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Nadwa Palace yesterday afternoon Mr. Ahmad Khalifah Al Suwaidi, envoy of the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan. Mr. Suwaidi delivered a letter to the King from Sheikh Zayed, dealing with the Arab situation and inter-Arab relations, and with preparing the atmosphere for the 11th Arab summit conference in Amman on Nov. 25.

The letter also dealt with the fraternal relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Badran stresses greater efforts in meeting at Interior Ministry

AMMAN, Nov. 7 (Petra/JNA) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran today presided over a meeting at the Ministry of Interior, at which were discussed municipal elections, public safety, traffic violations and the use of government cars for private purposes.

Mr. Badran stressed the need to ascertain strictly that the municipal elections be free and fair. He also pointed out the significance of disciplined and strenuous work in the service of the public. The resolution of citizens' problems should be expedited, he said.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Interior Suleiman Arar, the Director of Public Security Maj. Gen. Mamoun Khajil, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Interior Ahmad Al 'Aqayilah, governors at the Ministry of Interior, the Assistant Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Interior and district officers.

Blood bank gets royal dep



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan donates blood during the blood bank Thursday.

AMMAN, Nov. 7 (Petra/JNA) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan yesterday, donated a unit of his blood during inspection of Jordan's blood bank branch he made as part of a visit to the Ministry of Health. Prince Hassan was received by Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas and the ministry's high-ranking officials.

In a meeting held at the ministry, the Crown Prince affirmed the significance of health education

and preventive medicine of the availability of technical workers, asserted the need to necessary health service residents of rural areas with providing them with electricity and other services. Dr. Malhas briefed the Crown Prince on the ministry's plans for the next five years and the expansion of health services in various parts of the country.

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75. Haddad, Mr. Mudhib
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83. Hanif, Mr. Ahmad A/Fattah
84. Hannoush, Mr. Antoine
85. Hartman, Mr. Thomas
86. Hasounah Commercial Stores

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110. Khnoul, Mr. George
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Damas-Scene

By Pat McDonnell and Samir Twair

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the convenience of our readers in Amman and Damascus, the Damas-Scene column has shifted its schedule weekly. This week, the column covers events in Damascus from Friday, Nov. 10-Sunday, Nov. 16.

EXHIBITIONS

MONDAY, Nov. 10: An exhibition entitled "Graphic Art of West Germany" will open with a 6:30 p.m. reception in the Goethe House. Leading works from the art associations of major West German cities make up the collection, which will be on view through Nov. 22. Dr. Gotz Adriani, director of the Art Gallery of the German Democratic Republic, and Dr. Wulf Herzogenrath of the Art Association of the GDR, arranged the exhibition.

TUESDAY, Nov. 11: "Contemporary Art of the USSR" will open with a 6 p.m. reception in Al Sha'b Gallery, Fardous Street. Three figures in the collection include work by Dominik Victor, who was born in 1926 in Moscow. Eight graphic artists have contributed 18 etchings, including Babitsky Gyorki, born in 1931, and Toran Ilman, who was born in Tallin in 1921. The deputy president of the Soviet Artists' Union. Thirty oil paintings are included, by 20 painters including Nibich Anatoli, born in 1918, and Masi Niko Yvseyei, born in Leningrad in 1916. The 10-day exhibition will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 - 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12: The first individual exhibition by Ali Khalil comes in Al Sha'b Gallery. The artist is a 1977 graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Leningrad. Many academic studies and portraits are included in this exceptional collection. Charcoal and highly sensitive landscapes of Syria which exhibit a led use of gray tones are presented.

* More than 45 etchings by Suweida artist Fuad Aboutraba are on view in the Arab Cultural Centre. Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

* An Exhibition of texts and documents entitled "Histoire de Bande Dessinee" is on view in the French Cultural Centre through Saturday.

* Contemporary tapestries and rugs of Poland are on view through Thursday in the exhibition hall of the Damascus National Museum. Hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 - 4 p.m. daily except Tuesday.

* Reproductions of art treasures from museums of the German Democratic Republic, ranging from the old masters to contemporary painters, are on view in the GDR Cultural Centre through Thursday.

CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 13: An evening of songs led by Fahd Yagen



Oil portrait by Ali Khalil, a 1977 graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Leningrad, on view in Al Sha'b Gallery through Monday.

and his choir will be presented at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre. The event is entitled "Arab Songs for the Future."

THEATRE

MONDAY, Nov. 10: The curtain will rise at 6 p.m. on the opening performance of "Nights of the Harvest" in the Workers' Federation Union Building, opposite the Meridien Hotel. The drama was written by Mahmoud Diad. Zinat Qudsi is the director of the production by the Quneira Workers' Theatre Group (in Arabic).

REMEMBRANCE DAY

TUESDAY, Nov. 11: Fallen soldiers of World War I and II will be honoured at a 10:45 a.m. ceremony in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Mezzeh. The Rev. Alan Amos, an Anglican pastor from Beirut, will lead services, and a Damascene imam will recite verses from the Koran. Religious passages will be read by the ambassadors of Britain, Poland, Pakistan, Australia, Canada, Greece, Denmark, Cyprus and India. Buglers from the Ghanian Battalion of UNIFIL will perform the Last Post and Reveille. From noon onward, refreshments will be served in the residence of the British ambassador.

LECTURES

MONDAY, Nov. 10: "The International Day of Youth" is the topic of a 6 p.m. Lecture in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12: "Differential Equations", a talk about working with infinitesimal quantities in abstract form, is slated for 6 p.m. in the Arab Cultural Centre. Mr. Nadi Nabulsi, deputy director of the Syrian Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, will be the speaker (in Arabic).

SATURDAY, Nov. 15: A lecture entitled "Cultural Development in Bulgaria" will be given by Mr. Hassan Kamal at 6 p.m. in the Bulgarian Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

VIDEOTAPE PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12: An adventure programme entitled "Les Faucheurs de Marguerites", Paris 7 and 8, is slated for 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

FRIDAY, Nov. 14: "Les Faucheurs de Marguerites", Paris 9 and 10, will be shown at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

FILMS

MONDAY, Nov. 10: "L'Armee des Ombres", a 1970 colour film directed by Jean-Pierre Melville, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Lino Ventura and Simone Signoret (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

TUESDAY, Nov. 11: On the occasion of the 23rd International Festival of Documentary and Short Films, the German Democratic Cultural Centre will show the official entry by the PLO, entitled "Land Behind Barbed Wire", at 6:30 p.m. Qais Al Zubaidi is the Director of this colour documentary about the Zionist settlement policy on the West Bank (in Arabic, with English sub-titles). A discussion with the director will follow.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12: "John Glückstadt", a 1975 film directed by Uli Mische, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Goethe Institute. Dieter Laser and Marie-Christine Barrault star in this film which is a screenplay based on the novel by Theodor Storm entitled "Der Doppelgänger". (In German, with Arabic sub-titles).

* * * A feature film entitled "Songs of the Firsley Quarter" will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (with Arabic sub-titles).

THURSDAY, Nov. 13, and SATURDAY, Nov. 15: "Martine Soldat", a 1966 film directed by Michel Delville, will be shown in the French Cultural Centre. Hours will be 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. It stars Robert Hirsch and Veronique Vendell (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

FRIDAY, Nov. 14: A feature film entitled "Thomas in the Kollas Mountains" is slated for 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian only).

SUNDAY, Nov. 16: "April Has 30 Days" is the title of a 1979 feature film to be shown in the German Democratic Cultural Centre at 6:30 p.m. Gunter Scholz directed this screen version of a love story about a German woman and a political emigre from Latin America. It stars Angelika Waller (in German, with Arabic and English sub-titles). A short film, entitled "Not a Particular Day", will also be shown. It deals with the solidarity bazaar of GDR journalists in Berlin (Arabic narration).

SOVIET FILM FESTIVAL

Feature films from the USSR will be shown at 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 p.m. in the Zahra Cinema. All have Arabic and English sub-titles. The schedule: **MONDAY, Nov. 10:** "The Deadly Bullet"; **TUESDAY, Nov. 11:** "Pursuit"; **WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12:** "Footprint of the Wolf"; **THURSDAY, Nov. 13:** "The Race"; **FRIDAY, Nov. 14:** "End of a Villain"; **SATURDAY, Nov. 15:** "Loves of a Princess"; and **SUNDAY, Nov. 16:** "The Storm".

HITCHCOCK FILM FESTIVAL

Classic thrillers of Alfred Hitchcock will be shown three times daily at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the American Cultural Centre from **MONDAY, Nov. 10** through Nov. 21. Tickets for the festival and a schedule may be obtained at the centre. Featured films are: "The Birds" (1963); "To Catch A Thief" (1955); "Dial M for Murder" (1954); "Family Plot" (1976); "North by Northwest" (1959); "Notorious" (1946); "Under Capricorn" (1949); "Psycho" (1960); and "Topaz" (1969).

If you have news for the Damas-Scene column, please send them 10 days in advance to Pat McDonnell, P.O. Box 5601, Damascus, or phone them in Damascus to 336-658.

Special to the Jordan Times

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jordan Times Damascus correspondent Pat McDonnell recently paid a visit to India, where she scouted the many hits that country has to offer visitors from the Middle East and here. Here is her exclusive report on the unique shopping opportunities to be had in India:

DAMASCUS—Since the days of Christopher Columbus, Europeans have been seeking the land of India. Now, as long as inflation still hasn't reached India, and women tourists can feel free to shop and sightsee alone in India, where women in filmy saris stroll on sidewalks or handle

enjoying the luxuries Columbus was searching for.

If shopping is your delight, you'll be pleased to learn that India still hasn't reached India. And women tourists can feel free to shop and sightsee alone in India, where women in filmy saris stroll on sidewalks or handle

Indian stamp marks 5th century of the Hijra

EDITOR'S NOTE: Saturday is Muharram 1, 1401 A.H. (the first day of the 15th century after the Hijra). The Indian government has issued a commemorative stamp, officially released by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, to mark the occasion. Here is a report on Mrs. Gandhi's remarks.

DELHI, Nov. 7 (JT)—Releasing a stamp commemorating the 5th century of the Hijra, Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Gandhi said that India celebrates this occasion with "gratefulness" of the rich and varied contribution that Islam has made. "Paying her felicitations to people all over the world, she commended that "this very great religion has had profound impact on India. It is a matter of pride for us in India that apart from great religions which were born in India, Islam for us is an Indian religion," Gandhi said.

A full text of Mrs. Gandhi's speech follows: "I am privileged to release this stamp issued by India to commemorate the completion of five centuries of the Hijra, the Islamic calendar, and beginning of the fifteenth century of Islamic history. It is an occasion of high significance not only to the millions of Muslims in our land but to people all over the world, as it marks a milestone in the annals of a very great religion which has had profound impact on mankind."

The teaching of the Prophet Mohammad had an instant and revolutionary appeal because of its democratic feeling and its message of equality and brotherhood, of self-help and peace. Human history has few parallels to the rapid advance which Islam made in its early years.

In India celebrate this anniversary with grateful awareness of the rich and varied contributions that Islam has made to the evolution of composite civilisation. It is a matter of pride for us that apart from the great religions that were born here, Islam for us is an Indian religion."

A wholly erroneous division of history, made popular by writers of the last few decades, some of our people tend to equate the advent of Islam with the coming of Muslim rulers. In reality the message of Islam permeated parts of our subcontinent long before Muslim rulers ruled our country, just as Christianity came to us centuries before the arrival of European missionaries.

Whatever kingdoms arose under Muslim dynasties were Indian kingdoms and empires, and a part of the rich and diverse fabric of Indian life and culture. Indeed the influence of the Islamic saints and scholars had much more to do with the spread of their faith in India than the political power of the rulers.

Men like Nizamuddin Auliya, Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti and Baba Farid had profound influence on leaders of thought in their days as well as on the common people. The manner in which Guru Nanak was born should bring this home to us.

The contributions of Islam in the fields of mathematics, astronomy, medicine, architecture, literature, music and handicrafts are well known. It is in the fitness of things therefore that we mark this fourteenth hundredth anniversary of the Hijra of the Prophet from Mecca to Medina, from which beginnings this great faith spread to different parts of the world. I take this opportunity to convey my felicitations to people all over the world who are celebrating this occasion.

A stamp that I have released should be regarded as a symbol and a mark of the kinship and goodwill that exists among the people of the world. It should serve as an inspiration to us to fight against those who sow dissensions in the large family that is India. There will be many more functions in India during the year to mark the event. The National Museum is arranging a special exhibition on the Islamic heritage in India, and an international seminar on this heritage is being organised.

executive positions on a par with men.

The initial Mecca of shoppers in India is Bombay, where a thousand boutiques will tickle the fancy of any foreigner. Take, for instance, Burlington's, located in the Old Taj Hotel, a marvellous renovated hotel built in 1904 overlooking the famous bay.

A dress shopper can take a picture of any gown she wishes sewn to her proportions to Burlington's, and 24 hours later, it is completed for a cost of \$100 and up. Scores of pattern books lay on the shelves in rooms where tailor-made creations are fashioned to size. The upstairs ready-to-wear section contains kaftans of Indian silk and djellabas embroidered with pearls and sequins priced from \$64 to \$120. Jumpsuits, harem trousers with tunic tops, ready-made saris

with stitched-in pleats and zipper are also available, along with men's shirts and suits of Indian silk.

A short drive away is the Golden Thimble on K. Dubash Marg. Here, one imagines Columbus fainting away at the semi-precious gems and hand-embroidered work fashioned by Mme. Ursula Varma, the German-born proprietress whose boutique is famous among a select number of jet-setters.

The pencil-slim Mme. Varma seats patrons on Indian cushions, and produces exquisitely embroidered cloth samples from hand-woven baskets. Upon being asked, she said that upstairs, she has a

workroom filled with master Indian embroiderers who can produce a requested design within 24 hours -- before one's ship leaves port.

"Indian or Arab customers request very conservative gowns with yards of intricate (and expensive) embroidery, whereas Western customers ask for less ornate, but more revealing lines," Mme. Varma said.

Since Westerners have not as yet discovered her shop en masse, Mme. Varma's customers are mostly Indians, who request saris ranging from about \$100 with hand-embroidered borders. Copies of Vogue magazine designs generally cost \$23 without lining, and \$32 with.

Next stop on the shoppers' odyssey is Jaipur, the pink sandstone capital of Rajasthan, founded in 1727 by Sawai Jai Singh, a prince, soldier and astronomer.

Clearly, the most romantic and impressive hotel to stay in -- for an American -- is the Rambhau Palace, the hunting lodge of the most recent rajah of Jaipur, which was constructed in the 1920s. Peacocks strut across exquisitely manicured lawns on the grounds of the royal residence, which became a hotel in 1957. Each of the 87 guest rooms in the palace is unique. All have high ceilings, marble floor and fireplaces.

Before shopping, it's best to view some of the landmarks established by the Rajput rulers in the 12th to 18th centuries. One hour away by auto is the Amber Palace, a rare piece of Rajput architecture built on the Hindu pattern. One rides an elephant for 50 rupees (\$6) up the winding road to this ancient structure, where ear-splitting rites are performed by Brahmin priests in the Shiva Devi Temple near the palace. This shrine is the personal temple of the present maharajah's wife, and before leaving the country on a trip, the maharajah and his family always pay homage there.

Food is excellent at the Rambhau Palace, where Indian musicians play during meals. But another favourite dining spot of tourists is Niro, which serves Chinese, Indian and continental cuisine.

Although gems are Jaipur's biggest export item, there is much else to buy in this remarkable old city: enamelled brass, ivory and silver bracelets, wood and ivory carvings, block-printed and tie-dye fabrics and antique wood blocks.

More than 40,000 gem-cutters are employed in the cottage industries in Jaipur, but it seems as if the greatest board of exquisite gems is to be found in the shop of H.C. Rakyan on Mirza Ismail Road.

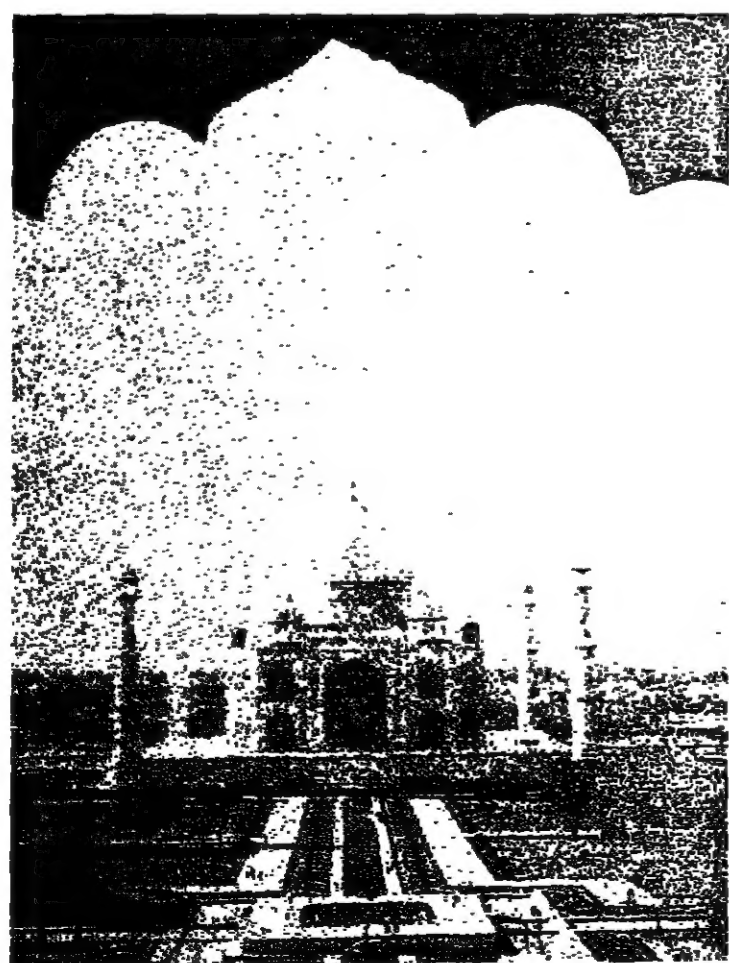
The proprietor explains that nine precious stones are cut in Jaipur: ruby, emerald, sapphire, diamond, cinnamon ruby, coral, pearl, cat's eye and yellow sapphire. Semi-precious stones include aquamarine, peridot, amethyst, garnet, tourmaline, zircon, opal, onyx and black jade.

"The prices of these gems are half what they cost anywhere else in the world," Mr. Rakyan declared. "Jaipur is where jewels are imported to be cut, and our men have been cutting them here for five centuries. Rajput princes wanted gems cut specially for them, and they traditionally gave shelter to artisans. Jaipur is the world's supply house for gems."

When asked the preferences of his foreign customers, Mr. Rakyan answered: "Americans buy emeralds, rubies, star sapphires, cat's eyes and aquamarines. Europeans prefer the aquamarine and garnet. Arab customers choose the ruby, emerald and star sapphire."

At this point, he pulled a box from his safe and showed the Jordan Times a star ruby from Burma weighing 7.31 carats, for which he had been offered \$30,000 a carat. He also displayed an engraved topaz paper weight as

India: A shopper's paradise



The Taj Mahal in Agra: One of the most impressive and best-known examples of India's Islamic heritage.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY

All sections of the British Embassy, including the Chancery, Commercial and Consular sections, will change to a new working week with effect from Nov. 16. The embassy will be open Sunday-Thursday, inclusive, but will close on Fridays and Saturdays.

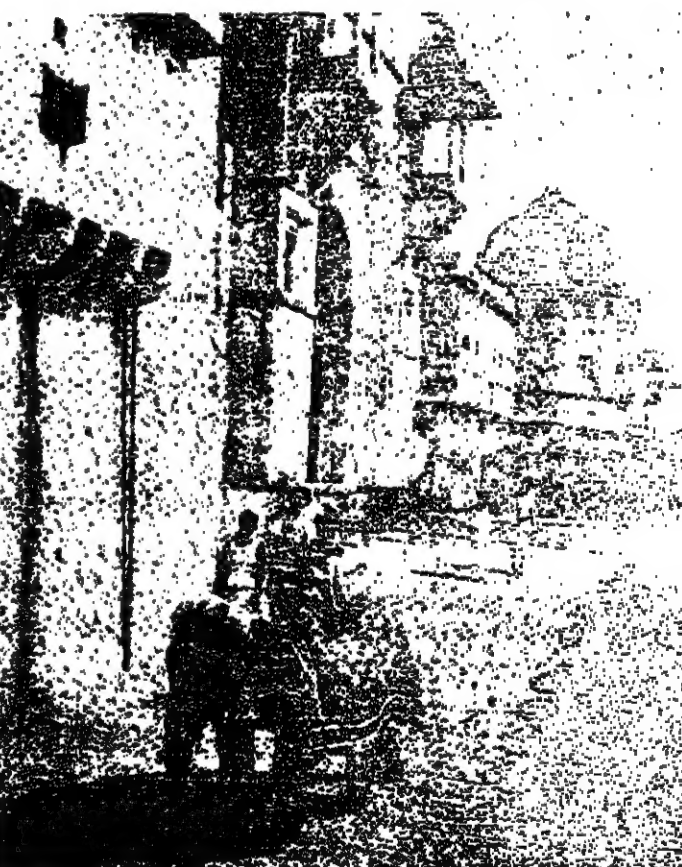
During the transitional period, the embassy will be closed on Nov. 14 and 15, but open on Nov. 16.

The offices of the British Council and the Middle East Development Division are not affected by the change.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

All members of the British and Commonwealth communities are reminded that the annual Remembrance Day service, to commemorate all those who died in defence of their country, will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Anglican Church of the Redeemer, near First Circle in Jebel Amman.

The 1980 Poppy Appeal is open from Nov. 3 - 9. Poppies are available from the British Embassy and the British Council. They will also be available at the Anglican Church on Nov. 9. Alternatively, donations can be sent direct to the Air Attache, British Embassy (Poppy Appeal).



The customary way to reach the Amber Palace of Jaipur is by elephant at a cost of \$6.

big as a human fist, and exquisite Rajput miniatures painted on ivory.

When it comes to handicrafts, the northern state of Kashmir offers the world's best buys in furs, handloomed rugs surpassing Persian carpets with 550 knots a square inch, and exquisite examples of papier mache work ranging from napkin holders and bracelets to vases and bookcases.

Jordan Valley Authority Agricultural marketing centre at South Shuneh INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION

The Jordan Valley Authority hereby invites applications from specialised Jordanian and international contractors who are interested to participate in the bidding for nominated subcontracts for the mechanical and electrical installations of the above project. The scope of the two subcontracts comprise:

- I. Mechanical installations:
 - Provision of internal water supply system
 - Provision of central air conditioning and ventilation system
 - Provision of fire fighting installation

II. Electrical installations:

- Provision of indoor and outdoor lighting
- General electrical installation and distribution system
- Cabling, conduits, switchgear and protective gear
- Internal telephone system

Interested contractors are to fill in prequalification forms and return them to the authority by Nov. 15, 1980 at the following address:

President
Jordan Valley Authority
P.O. Box 2769
Amman, Jordan

Economic News Briefs

Gold prices fall back to strong dollar

LONDON, Nov. 7 (R) — Gold slumped below \$600 to its lowest level for five months today and share prices fell round the world as investors switched their funds into dollars, attracted by high interest rates. The dollar, which began to climb following Mr. Ronald Reagan's presidential election victory went up even further today. Gold, boosted by Mr. Reagan's victory to \$657 an ounce on Tuesday, fell at the London morning fixing to \$603.52, 54.75 lower than its close here yesterday, as investors put their money in the dollar. It later dropped further to \$597.

They said "hot money," which traditionally moves around the world looking for the best return, was pouring into the dollar and strengthening it against other major currencies.

U.S. banks raise prime rate to 15.5%

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (R) — Leading U.S. banks raised their prime lending rates by a full point to 15.5 per cent yesterday reflecting growing inflationary pressures in the economy.

With the election out of the way, the banks led by Chase Manhattan and Continental Illinois Bank and Trust moved decisively and increased the prime rate from 14.5 to 15.5 per cent in one leap. Other banks were expected to follow suit because intensifying pressures in money markets make it more expensive for them to borrow money.

Prime interest rates have risen by two percentage points in the past month and further increases are expected before the end of the year, analysts said. The Federal Reserve Board (Fed), the nation's central bank, is also expected to raise its discount rate, possibly by one or two points from the present 11 per cent.

President-elect Ronald Reagan is also likely to favour high rates to compensate for the extra demand to be unleashed by tax cuts next year.

After the prime rate announcements, the Dow Jones industrial average, fell about five points. Prices were broadly lower in heavy trading following sharp increases touched off by Mr. Reagan's election victory.

U.S. wholesale prices, jobless rate rise

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (R) — Wholesale prices and unemployment both increased in the United States last month, underlining the problems of inflation and recession that face the incoming administration of Mr. Ronald Reagan.

The Labour Department said today that wholesale prices rose by 0.8 per cent in October after a drop of 0.2 per cent the previous

month, which was the first decline in more than four years and had raised hopes that inflation was beginning to ease.

It said the jobless rate was slightly higher at 7.6 per cent compared with 7.5 per cent in September.

The department said rising car and food costs were responsible for reversing the downward trend in prices reported for September.

It said car prices rose 3.4 per cent in October, accounting for almost half the overall jumps in producer or wholesale prices. Food prices increased 0.5 per cent.

Government and private economists have said they expect prices at both the producer and the consumer level to keep rising at a double-digit pace for the rest of this year and into next year.

The department said the slight increase in the jobless rate was due to rising unemployment among women and teenagers. The number of Americans without jobs in October stood at eight million, up from 7.8 million the previous month.

Saudis expected to sell Japan extra oil

TOKYO, Nov. 7 (R) — Saudi Arabia is expected to sell Japan an extra 4,000 barrels of crude oil a day from January under an agreement to encourage Japanese investment in its development projects, industry sources said yesterday.

The bonus oil, rising to about 20,000 barrels daily after five years under a 15-year agreement to be signed soon, will be for Japanese firms involved in building a \$300 million methanol plant at Al Jubayl on the Gulf, the sources said. Eight Japanese companies have joined the Japan-Saudi Arabia methanol company, in which the Japanese government has a 30 per cent stake.

Portugal hopes to buy S. Arabian oil

LISBON, Nov. 7 (R) — Portugal hopes to obtain oil from Saudi Arabia to make up for some of the 70,000 barrels a day (b/d), 45 per cent of its requirement, that was lost from Iraq because of the Gulf war, according to a senior Portuguese oil official.

Mr. Pires Miranda, head of the state oil company Petrolgal, who acts for the government as a roving oil envoy, added in an interview with the Lisbon weekly *Expresso* that Portugal hoped to buy the Saudi oil under a government-to-government deal. The volume involved was not disclosed.

Portugal was not among the nine nations which are reported to be on a preliminary Saudi Arabian list of recipients for relief oil supplies, according to the New York oil industry newsletter, *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*.

Mr. Pires Miranda said Portugal also hoped for extra oil from Abu Dhabi, Oman, Venezuela, Nigeria, the Soviet Union and Mexico.

African OPEC states discuss strategy today

LONDON, Nov. 7 (R) — Oil ministers of the four African OPEC producers have scheduled a meeting in Algiers tomorrow and Western oil company executives said one topic may be the outlook for a possible price increase.

Disclosing that the meeting between Algeria, Gabon, Libya and Nigeria would be held, the Algerian News Agency said discussion would focus on oil supplies to developing countries including African states. But it also said they would discuss latest developments in the international oil market.

Oil ministers of OPEC last met in Vienna in September when they agreed to freeze prices until the next regular pricing session of the 13-member group in Bali, Indonesia, on Dec. 15.

Since the Vienna session, when a glut prevailed in the world market, the Gulf war has robbed the world of Iraqi and Iranian oil total-

ling nearly four million barrels a day (b/d) or more than one-tenth of OPEC output.

One effect of the Gulf war has been to firm up free market prices for the premium crudes produced by the African countries whose oil ministers are to meet in Algiers.

Free market rates for African crudes are now in the \$38 to \$39 a barrel range. During the glut they slipped well below official contract rates of \$37 for a 42 U.S. gallon barrel leading Western oil analysts to speculate that the African countries might be forced to trim prices at the OPEC Bali meeting.

Oil analysts said the producers are now doubtless trying to judge how the market will develop and noted that Libya and Algeria are among OPEC pricing militants.

But Mr. Tony Mackintosh, partner and oil analyst with British brokers Wood Mackenzie, said he did not think that in the long term

premium African crudes would be worth more than a five-dollar differential above the maker Saudi Arabian light crude.

Saudi light is at present priced at \$30 a barrel although Mr. Mackintosh said he would not be surprised if Saudi Arabia raised it to \$32 or \$34 at the next OPEC pricing session.

The Saudis, the biggest producers, and Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar held a meeting of their oil ministers in October to discuss the effects of

the Gulf war. One result they are making a one million b/d of extra oil.

The Algerian News report that the African are to meet in Algiers that, if they make any available, it will go to the countries.

Oil industry sources Nigeria has the capacity present output by at least b/d and that Libya is about 400,000 b/d.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RA

U.S. dollar	301.50/303.50	French franc	140
U.K. sterling	737.20/741.60	Dutch guilder	140
West German mark	155.40/156.40	Swedish crown	140
Swiss franc	173.50/174.50	Belgian franc	140
Italian lire	33.10/33.30	Japanese yen	140
(for every 100)		(for every 100)	

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, Nov. 7 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.4160/80	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.1876/79	Canadian dollar	
	1.9505/15	West German marks	
	2.1110/30	Dutch guilders	
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U.S. and Canadian shares were lower. Government bonds were up to 1/2 point easier with a rise over the continued rise in U.S. interest rates a major factor.

Among industrials ICL fell 1 1/2 to 133p on news of its plan reduction in manpower while Blue Circle, Plessey, Guest, Unilever and Lucas shed 3p to 5p. ICI was unchanged at earlier 2p loss.

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